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SUBJECT: SWEDISH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON SOY ISSUE AT
SEPTEMBER 7 EU AGRICULTURE COUNCIL MEETING

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11. (SBU) On August 20, Emboff shared reftel points regarding the soy issue with Carina Knorpp, Senior Advisor at the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture. Knorpp commented that she was well aware of the findings of unapproved biotech corn dust in soybean meal imports from the U.S., and added that she recognizes the economic problems that suspending trade because of these findings would create for EU livestock producers and the food/feed industry.

12. (SBU) As Sweden is the current EU President, Knorpp assured post that Sweden would remain neutral in any EU discussion and "would not attempt to influence the discussion in any direction." Knorpp opined that the only thing Sweden can do is to ask the Commission to devise a technical solution for a tolerance greater than zero. Post will report any additional response septel.
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